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SUBJ: IVORY COAST DENIES BENIN ACCUSATION OF
INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ATTEMPT

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REF: (A) ABIDJAN 2656 (NOTAL), (B) COTONOU 0540 (NOTAL)

1. IN STATEMENT RELEASED MARCH 16 BY POLITICAL BUREAU,
AND READ ON TELEVISION BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
YACE, IVORY COAST HEATEDLY DENIED BENIN ACCUSATION OF
INVOLVEMENT IN JANUARY 16 INVASION (REF B). STATEMENT
SAID ACCUSATIONS WERE INSPIRED BY GUINEA WHERE SEKOU

TOURE DISCOVERS ONE OR TWO PLOTS A YEAR USUALLY JUST BEFORE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS TO JUSTIFY HIS CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM. GOIC KNEW NOTHING ABOUT SUPPOSED TOGOLESE TROOPS REGROUPED IN IVORY COAST, AND HAD WARNED THE MORE THAN ONE MILLION FOREIGN AFRICANS HERE NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FROM IVORIAN SOIL. THE STATEMENT NOTED THAT THE JANUARY 16 IVORIAN OVERFLIGHT OF BENIN WAS THE RETURNING FESTAC DELEGATION INCLUDING PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET AS GPRB WELL KNEW. IVORY COAST HAS ALWAYS ENTERTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BENIN. MOST ACCUSERS OF IVORY COAST (READ SEKOU TOURE) WERE READY FOR PADDED CELLS. IF GPRB NOW WANTED TO TREAT IVORY COAST AS AN ENEMY IT WOULD DO BETTER THAN TO BASE ITS ACCUSATIONS ON THE FANTASIES OF SEKOU TOURE.

2. COMMENT: THE UNCHARACTERISTIC HEAT AND DETAIL OF THE DENIAL REFLECT THE DEEP IRRITATION WHICH THE GOIC FROM HOUPHOUET DOWN (REF A) FEEL ABOUT HAVING IVORY COAST IMPLICATED IN WHAT THEY REGARD AS FANTASTIC ACCUSATIONS COOKED UP PRINCIPALLY BY SEKOU TOURE. STEARNS

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